

Remarks/Arguments:

Objections to the Specification

The following comments correspond to the lettered paragraphs in the Office Action of April 4, 2003. With respect to the objections to the specification the following amendments have been made.

- A. The new rose plant has been briefly contrasted with its parents.
- B and C. Successful propagation has been amended to read "succeeding propagations." The rootstock used for budding has been indicated.
- D. The specification has been amended to indicate that the Genus/species designation is "*Rosa hybrida*".
- E. The specification has been amended to more clearly define the length of the sepals.
- F. The specification has been amended to more clearly define the petals.
- G. The specification has been amended to define the physical characteristics of the hips.
- H. The specification has been amended to indicate that the upper surface of the foliage is glossy.
- I. The specification has been amended to indicate that there was no opportunity to observe resistance to rust.
- J. The specification has been amended to indicate that the American Rose Society color classification is dark red and to the color of the upper and lower surfaces of the petals.
- K. The "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ILLUSTRATION" has been amended to indicate what is illustrated.

Objection to the Figure

Two copies of a replacement Figure are enclosed. No amendments have been made to the Figure.